

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A network apparatus comprising:

request designating means for designating request  
for purchasing a new item or picking up an item to be  
5 recycled;

place designating means for designating a place  
where said purchasing or picking-up is performed; and

communication means for notifying the request  
information designated by said request designating  
10 means and the place designated by said place  
designating means to an external place through a  
network.

2. A network apparatus according to claim 1,  
15 further comprising address inputting means for  
inputting an address of a requester, and wherein said  
place designating means displays one or plural proposed  
places in the vicinity of the address of the requester  
among which said place can be designated by the  
20 requester.

3. A network apparatus according to claim 1,  
further comprising E-mail address inputting means for  
inputting an E-mail address of a requester, and wherein  
25 said communication means notifies the E-mail address of  
the requester to the external place and receives  
information regarding a date of said purchasing or

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picking-up on the basis of the E-mail address of the requester.

4. A network apparatus according to claim 1,  
5 wherein said communication means receives  
identification information required for said purchasing  
or picking-up on the basis of the E-mail address of the  
requester.

10 5. A network apparatus according to claim 1,  
further comprising picked-up item information inputting  
means for inputting information regarding the item to  
be picked up when purchasing or picking-up, and wherein  
said communication means further notifies the picked-up  
15 item information to the external place.

6. A network apparatus according to claim 1,  
further comprising newly purchased item information  
inputting means for inputting information regarding the  
20 item to be newly purchased when the request for  
purchasing the new item is designated by said request  
designating means, and wherein said communication means  
further notifies the newly purchased item information  
to the external place.

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7. A network apparatus comprising:  
input means for inputting request information

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regarding request for purchasing of a new item or  
picking up an item and place information regarding a  
place where said purchasing or picking-up is performed  
through a network; and

5           output means for outputting a purchasing date or a  
pick-up date through said network to inform a requester  
of the purchasing date or the pick-up date.

8. A network apparatus according to claim 7,  
10       further comprising completion information acquiring  
means for acquiring information regarding completion of  
said pick-up through said network.

9. A network apparatus comprising:  
15       input means for inputting request information  
regarding request for purchasing of a new item or  
picking up an item to be recycled and place information  
regarding a place where said purchasing or picking-up  
is performed through a network;

20       output means for outputting a purchasing date or a  
pick-up date through said network to inform a requester  
of the purchasing date or the pick-up date; and

          completion information acquiring means for  
acquiring information regarding completion of said  
25       pick-up through said network.

10. A network system in which a first network

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apparatus and a second network apparatus are interconnected through a network, wherein:

said first network apparatus comprises request designating means for designating request for  
5 purchasing a new item or picking up an item to be recycled; place designating means for designating a place where the purchasing or picking-up is performed; and

communication means for notifying the request  
10 information designated by said request designating means and the place designated by said place designating means to said second network apparatus through said network; and

said second network apparatus comprises input  
15 means for inputting request information regarding the request for purchasing of a new item or picking up an item to be recycled and place information regarding the place where said purchasing or picking-up is performed from said first network apparatus through said network;  
20 and output means for outputting a purchasing date or a pick-up date to said first network apparatus through said network to inform a requester of the purchasing date or the pick-up date.

25 11. A network system according to claim 10, wherein said second network apparatus further comprises completion information acquiring means for acquiring

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information regarding completion of said pick-up  
through said network.

12. A network system in which a first network  
5 apparatus and a second network apparatus are  
interconnected through a network, wherein:

said first network apparatus comprises input means for inputting request information regarding request for purchasing of a new item or picking up an item to be recycled and place information regarding a place where said purchasing or picking-up is performed through said network; output means for outputting a purchasing date or a pick-up date through said network to inform a requester of the purchasing date or the pick-up date; and completion information acquiring means for acquiring information regarding completion of said pick-up from said second network apparatus through said network; and

20        said second network apparatus comprises notifying  
     means for informing said first network apparatus of the  
     information regarding the completion of said pick-up  
     after said completion.

13. A network system in which a first, a second  
25 and a third network apparatuses are interconnected  
through a network, wherein:

said first network apparatus comprises request

designating means for designating request for  
purchasing a new item or picking up a pick-up item to  
be recycled; place designating means for designating a  
place where said purchasing or picking-up is performed;  
5 and communication means for notifying the request  
information designated by said request designating  
means and the place designated by said place  
designating means to said second network apparatus  
through said network;

10 said second network apparatus comprises input  
means for inputting request information regarding the  
request for purchasing a new item or picking up an item  
and place information regarding a place where said  
purchasing or picking-up is performed from said first  
15 network apparatus through said network; output means  
for outputting a purchasing date of a pick-up date to  
said first network apparatus through said network to  
inform a requester of the purchasing date or the pick-  
up date; and completion information acquiring means for  
20 acquiring information regarding completion of said  
pick-up from said third network apparatus through said  
network; and

said third network apparatus comprises notifying  
means for informing said second network apparatus of  
25 the information regarding the completion of said pick-  
up after said completion.

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14. A communication method comprising the steps  
of:

(a) designating request for purchasing a new item  
or picking up an item to be recycled;

5 (b) designating a place where said purchasing or  
picking-up is performed; and

(c) notifying the designated request and the  
designated place to an external place through a  
network.

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15. A communication method comprising the steps  
of:

(a) inputting request information regarding  
request for purchasing of a new item or picking up an  
15 item to be recycled and place information regarding a  
place where said purchasing or picking-up is performed  
through a network; and

(b) outputting a purchasing date or a pick-up  
date through said network to inform a requester of the  
20 purchasing date or the pick-up date.

16. A communication method according to claim 15,  
further comprising a step of (c) acquiring information  
regarding completion of said pick-up through said  
25 network.

17. A computer-readable recording medium for

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storing a program having a sequence which is executed  
by a computer, wherein said sequence comprises the  
steps of:

(a) designating request for purchasing a new item  
5 or picking up an item to be recycled;

(b) designating a place where said purchasing or  
picking-up is performed; and

(c) notifying the designated request and the  
designated place to an external place through a  
10 network.

18. A computer-readable recording medium for  
storing a program having a sequence which is executed  
by a computer, wherein said sequence comprises the  
15 steps of:

(a) inputting request information regarding  
request for purchasing of a new item or picking up an  
item to be recycled and place information regarding a  
place where said purchasing or picking-up is performed  
20 through a network; and

(b) outputting a purchasing date or a pick-up date  
through said network to inform a requester of the  
purchasing date or the pick-up date.

25 19. A recording medium according to claim 18,  
wherein said sequence further comprises a step of (c)  
acquiring information regarding completion of said  
pick-up through said network.

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